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LETTER TO EXAMINER

Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination is being filed in order to have the Amendment After Final Rejection dated March 3, 2010 entered into the prosecution record of the present application. It is respectfully submitted that the presently claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record as it provides advantages over the prior art in that the usual winding of the hardened heat exchanger tubes to form multi-layered narrow-radius coils that are limited in weight and the stack-wise annealing of those coils in a bright-annealing furnace are not necessary and the problems of tightly wound tubes such as changes in cross-sectional shape in the form of ovalization, wall thickness changes, homogeneous stress distribution and a large amount of

waste lengths are avoided. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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